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NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1983
WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
1:30-2:30 p.m.

NSC Review Completed.

AGENDA

I. Introduction	William P. Clark
II. Review of Internal Lebanon Situation	Ambassador McFarlane
III. Discussion of the Fundamental Choice: Distancing ourselves under the cover of successful cease-fire or preparing for long term effort to prevent Syrian dominated outcome in Lebanon.	
IV. Discussion of Next Steps	Secretary Shultz (all)

A. What more can we do to promote reconciliation among the Lebanese factions?

1. How do we improve GOL-Shia relations?
2. What are the prospects for splitting the NSF from Syrian dictated positions?
3. What more can be done to cement the ceasefire agreement?
4. How much leeway for compromise does Gemayel have and how can we or the Israelis shield him from Phalangist pressures.

B. How can we weaken Syria's position in Lebanon?

1. Can we exploit the current crisis within the PLO to encourage a resumption in the Hussein-Arafat dialogue?
2. Can we use the current MNF mandate and the precedent at Suk-Al-Gharb to enlarge the vital security perimeter around Beirut?
3. Are we prepared to use required amounts of force to enforce red lines we create and discourage Assad from testing us.

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4. Is our support for the LAF sufficient?
Is the level of our current and planned support a hindrance to reconciliation?
5. Can we -- or could others -- offer incentives for Turks to posture more aggressively on Syrian borders in response to Armenian terrorist strikes launched from Syria.

C. How should we deal with Israel on next steps?

1. Can we accelerate the pace of Israeli withdrawals with alternative security arrangements?
2. Should we propose a "new" and enhanced strategic relationship with Israel?
3. Should we instead, continue to support an Israeli presence in Lebanon as a means of pressuring Syrian to withdraw?
4. How should we encourage the GOL and Israel to deal with the May 17 Agreement?

D. Should we--and how would we--elevate Egypt as an alternative to Syrian leadership in the Arab world?

E. What new risks and opportunities does an intensification of the Iran-Iraq War portend?

V. Summary

William P. Clark

(Plans for Tuesday NSPG and decisions on an action-plan for Lebanon and the Middle East).